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Amendment dated March 1, 2004
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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the title of the invention on page 1, lines 1-3
as follows:

~~NON-CIRCULAR RECORDING MEDIUMS AND METHODS AND APPARATUS
FOR CONTROLLING THE NON-CIRCULAR RECORDING MEDIUMS~~

APPARATUS FOR DETECTING A DISCONTINUITY IN A RECORDING TRACK
DUE TO THE NON-CIRCULARITY OF THE RECORDING MEDIUM AND PROCESSING
DATA TO OVERCOME DISCONTINUITY

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure at page 78 as
follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

~~A non-circular recording medium on which a recording track is
formed. The recording track comprises an optically readable or
writable recording area. The recording track in turn comprises a
discontinuity where no data is writable or readable.~~

AC A recording medium controlling apparatus for reading/writing
data from/to a recording data area as a recording track formed on

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A a non-circular recording medium while rotating the recording medium includes a detector for detecting a discontinuity in the recording track due to the non-circularity of the recording medium during rotation of the recording medium, and a combiner for combining data present on recording data area portions present before and after the discontinuity in a rotating direction of the recording medium and detected by said detecting means so that these data continue.
